

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hayden et al

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LEVELS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) TO REMOVE INVENTOR

Sir:

By the Petition contained herein, Applicants, through their agents, seek to change inventorship of the above referenced patent application and assert the following:

1. The above-referenced application was filed 15 March 2000, claiming priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/124,702, filed March 15, 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/138,048, filed June 8, 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/139,600, filed June 17, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/151,977, filed September 1, 1999.

2. The present application named Michael R. Hayden, Angela R. Wilson and Simon N. Pimstone as inventors.

3. Based on subsequent prosecution and amendment of the claims by Applicants and withdrawal of other claims by the Examiner, a set of claims directed to specific screening assays was allowed and is to issue as a patent.

4. After a careful review of the allowed claim set and discussions with the named inventors, it was determined that Simon N. Pimstone should not be named as an inventor with respect to the allowed claims.

5. In light of the foregoing, Applicants request that the name of Simon N. Pimstone be removed as an inventor as to the allowed claims and that the inventorship for this subject matter of the application comprise only Michael R. Hayden and Angela R. Brooks-Wilson.

Applicants request that the Commissioner charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0678. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

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